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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1026

Senate, March 27, 2013

The Committee on Human Services reported through SEN. SLOSSBERG of the 14th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING AN ADEQUATE PROVIDER NETWORK TO ENSURE POSITIVE HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Council on Medical
2 Assistance Program Oversight, established pursuant to section 17b-28
3 of the general statutes, or a subcommittee of said council, shall study
4 obstacles to achieving an adequate health care provider network for
5 Medicaid recipients and recommend, not later than January 1, 2014,
6 strategies to improve (1) access to such providers, and (2) health
7 outcomes for such recipients across racial and ethnic lines.

8 (b) The study shall include, but not be limited to, an analysis of: (1)
9 Administrative burdens faced by providers, (2) the extent and benefits
10 of provider education concerning provision of care to Medicaid
11 recipients, and (3) the effect of Medicaid rates of reimbursement on
12 achieving an adequate provider network.

13 (c) The study shall identify strategies to (1) improve access to
 14 Medicaid providers by Medicaid recipients, (2) improve health
 15 outcomes of all Medicaid recipients, (3) reduce spending rates,
 16 particularly for the provision of care to Medicaid recipients with the
 17 costliest health needs, and (4) reduce racial and ethnic disparities in
 18 health outcomes.

19 (d) Not later than January 1, 2014, the Council on Medical
 20 Assistance Program Oversight shall submit a report on its findings and
 21 recommendations, with a corresponding fiscal analysis, to the joint
 22 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
 23 matters relating to human services and public health, in accordance
 24 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In subsection (a), "such subcommittee as said council designates" was changed to "a subcommittee of said council" for clarity.

HS *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill has no fiscal impact as it requires the Council on Medical Assistance Program Oversight to conduct a study and report findings by January 1, 2014.

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Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

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Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/12/2013)